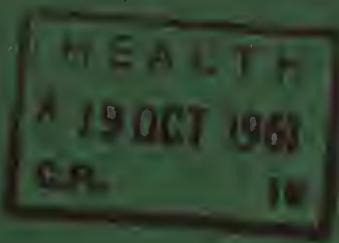


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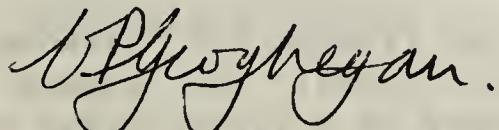
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Midhurst Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1960.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support, and to Mr. T. G. Henry and all members of the Staff for their work during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant



Medical Officer of Health.

Section I.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The District is an agricultural and residential one occupying the North-Western corner of West Sussex. The Counties of Hampshire and Surrey lie to the West and North respectively, Chichester Rural District to the South, and Petworth to the East.

Apart from agriculture, there are other minor industries providing employment, and holiday traffic brings a considerable amount of trade to hotels and cafes.

1960 is a suitable year from which to look back at the condition and characteristics of the district since the beginning of the century. Copies of Annual Reports going back as far as 1875 are available and figures extracted from these show how the population has increased, by 26% in 60 years. (In the previous 60 years up to 1901, the increase was only 2%). The birth rate has declined though this decline is now halting, and the death rate now shows a tendency to rise after a steady fall.

	<u>1901</u>	<u>1921</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1960</u>
Population	13,612	14,550	14,700	16,730	17,150
No. of houses	2,999	-	4,000	5,101	5,787
Persons per house	4.54	-	3.67	3.28	2.96
Crude Birth Rate	22.1	18.14	13.06	13.86	13.35
Crude Death Rate	14.3	10.17	11.02	12.13	16.67
Infant Mort. Rate (average over 5 years)	88.	52.	42.5	25.5	13.57

(Figures for 1941 are not included as they were unrepresentative due to movements of population during the war. The Infant Mortality Rate given is the average over the five years up to the year specified).

Interpretation of figures for "Persons per house" over the years is complicated. Firstly the average size of family has decreased so that there is a tendency for a given population to occupy more houses.

Furthermore, in comparing the average number of people per house in 1901 (4.5) with the figure for 1960 (2.9) the improvement is much greater than the figures alone indicate. The houses now generally occupied have on the whole much better facilities, so that even if the persons per house had not decreased the general level of comfort and convenience would still be much higher.

The most striking statistical improvement shows in the Infant

Statistics and Social Conditions (Contd.)

Mortality Rates. 88 Children out of every thousand born in 1901 died in their first year of life. This figure is now less than 14. (Over the same period the Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales has been reduced from 151 per thousand to 21.7.

That the services and activities of the Rural District Council have expanded somewhat since the beginning of the century is illustrated by the following extract from the Annual Report for 1901 by Dr. Charles Kelly:-

"Scavenging and Cleansing."

"Contracts were again entered into for the removal of house refuse and cleansing of earth closets, privies and cesspools in the parish of Easebourne, and during the year 39 cesspools and privies were cleansed at a cost of £58 17s 6d. Removal of house refuse £24."

"Removal of house refuse twice a week is also carried out in Midhurst at a cost of £75."

The parish of Midhurst itself was at that time provided with a drainage system but this was generally admitted to be unsatisfactory and a lively argument was going on between the Rural Council, the Local Government Board, Lord Egmont and the Midhurst Parish Council about a new sewerage system, and the acquisition of the necessary land. This matter was eventually settled and the new sewerage system with disposal works at Pitsham came into operation in 1905.

In 1901, which was a typical year for the period in this respect, there were 11 deaths from infectious diseases; 2 each from Enteric, Erysipelas, Dysentery and Rheumatic Fever and 1 from each of the following:- Scarlatina, Diphtheria and Measles. No deaths have been recorded from any of these diseases for many years now, whereas in 1901 they accounted for $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ of all the deaths in the district.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres ..	..	..	67,035
Number of Parishes ..	..	..	25
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population:			
	1959 mid-year		17,010
	1960 mid-year		17,150
Number of Dwellings ..	..	..	5,787
Rateable Value (March 1961)	..	£	236,974
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (March 1961)	..	£	940

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT						Birth Rate per 1,000 Population		
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)					per 1,000 population		West Sussex Districts	England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate	Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban
		M	F	Number	%			
1959	249	130	119	7	2.8	14.63	15.80	13.9
1960	229	107	122	14	6.11	13.35	14.41	13.9
							14.90	15.1
								16.5
								17.1

Stillbirths

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT				Rate per 1000 total (live & still) Births		Rate per 1000 population	
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)				Midhurst R. D.	England and Wales	Midhurst R. D.	England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex					
		M	F				
1959	5	4	1	19.68	21.0	0.29	0.35
1960	3	-	3	12.93	19.7	0.17	0.34

Total (live and still) Births

<u>1960</u>			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
		Live Births	..	107	122
		Still Births	..	-	3
		TOTAL BIRTHS:	107	125	232

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 Year

INFANT DEATHS				RATES PER 1000		LIVE	BIRTHS
MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT				Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex	Illegitimate		R.D.'s	U.D.'s	
		M	F				
1959	-	-	-	-	17.	16.	22.2
1960	5	4	1	21.83	18.5	21.2	21.7

Infant Mortality Rates - Midhurst Rural District			
Year	Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	
1959	Nil		Nil
1960	9.30		71.42

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

	Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)	Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Total Deaths ..	3	Nil	3	Nil	6
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births	13.10	Nil	13.10	Nil	
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and still births				25.86	19.68

Maternal Deaths (including Abortion)

Midhurst R.D.		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D's.	U.D's.	
1959	Nil	-	0.47	0.28	0.38
1960	Nil	-	-	0.17	0.39

Deaths

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT					WEST SUSSEX DISTRICTS		ENGLAND AND WALES	
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)			Death Rates per 1000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population	Death Rate per 1000 population		
Year	Total	Sex	M	F	Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban
1959	252	151	101	14.81	8.73	13.66	14.55	11.6
1960	286	128	158	16.67	10.50	13.8	14.6	11.5

When dealing with a small population such as that of this District, a certain random fluctuation from year to year in birth and death rates is to be expected. This is illustrated by the figures for the last ten years shown on Page 10.

Of the total deaths recorded during 1960, 227 or 79% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over; 174 or 61% in persons aged 75 years or over, and 74 or 26% in persons aged 85 years or over.

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

The chief causes of death in order of frequency were:-

		<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>
(i) Diseases of heart & circulatory system		104(36%)	102(40%)
(ii) Vascular lesions of nervous system ..		68(24%)	54(21%)
(iii) Neoplasms (growths)		44(15%)	38(15%)
(iv) Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ..		24(8%)	32(12%)

These four causes accounted for 240 or 84% of the total deaths.

A table at the end of this Section shows the age, sex distribution and causes of death in 1960.

During the year deaths exceeded births by 57, and the Registrar-General's estimate of population at mid 1960 showed an increase of 140 over the 1959 estimate.

Death Rates per 1,000 population from:

		<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis		0.11	0.17
Tuberculosis (Other Forms)		Nil	Nil
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ..		1.39	1.88
Cancer		2.56	2.23
Principal Zymotic Diseases (Smallpox, Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough & Diphtheria)		Nil	Nil
Number of Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis (children under 2 years)		Nil	Nil

Table of causes of Death at different periods of life - 1960

Caus es of Death	Sex	All Ages	Weeks				Y	e	a	r	s
			0-	4-	1-	5- 15-					
ALL CAUSES	M	128	2	2	-	1	3	-	6	19	22
	F	158	1	-	-	-	1	3	11	10	31
1 Tuberculosis, respiratory	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
10 Malignant neoplasms, stomach	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
11 Ditto lung, bronchus	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
12 Ditto breast	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
13 Ditto uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
14 Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
15 Leukaemia, aleukaemia	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
16 Diabetes	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
17 Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
18 Coronary disease, angina	F	38	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	11
19 Hypertension with heart disease	M	18	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	9
20 Other heart disease	F	15	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	4
21 Other circulatory disease	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2
22 Influenza	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
23 Pneumonia	M	21	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
24 Bronchitis	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
25 Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27 Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28 Nephritis and nephrosis	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29 Hyperplasia, prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31 Congenital malformations	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32 Other defined & ill- defined diseases	M	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33 Motor vehicle accidents	F	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34 All other accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 Suicide	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

No deaths were recorded as due to: (2) Tuberculosis, other;

(3) Syphilitic Disease; (4) Diphtheria; (5) Whooping Cough;

(6) Meningococcal Infections; (7) Acute Poliomyelitis;

(8) Measles; (9) Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases;

(30) Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion; (36) Homicide and
operations of war.

Table showing Vital Statistics for the Years 1951-1960

Year	Estimated Population	Total Live Births			Birth Rate			Total Deaths			Death Rate			Infant Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase
		M	F	Total	Crude	Comp. Factor	Corr.	M	F	Total	Crude	Comp. Factor	Corr.	M	F	Total		
1951	16,730	119	113	232	13.86	1.11	15.38	102	101	203	12.13	0.78	9.46	5	4	9	38.79	29
1952	16,750	106	104	210	12.53	1.10	13.78	105	101	206	12.29	0.78	9.58	4	-	4	19.04	4
1953	16,820	125	109	234	13.91	1.10	15.30	130	117	247	14.68	0.78	11.45	5	1	6	25.64	- 13
1954	16,960	121	112	233	13.73	1.09	14.96	141	114	255	15.03	0.73	10.97	2	2	4	17.16	- 22
1955	16,980	147	115	262	15.42	1.09	16.80	126	123	249	14.66	0.73	10.70	2	1	3	11.45	13
1956	16,980	114	106	220	12.95	1.09	14.11	149	184	283	16.66	0.58	9.66	-	5	5	22.72	- 63
1957	16,990	100	111	211	12.41	1.08	13.40	122	114	236	13.89	0.66	9.16	1	1	2	9.47	- 25
1958	16,940	102	115	217	12.80	1.08	13.82	137	124	261	15.40	0.60	9.24	1	2	3	13.82	- 44
1959	17,010	130	119	249	14.63	1.08	15.80	151	101	252	14.81	0.59	8.73	-	-	-	-	3
1960	17,150	107	122	229	13.35	1.08	14.41	128	158	286	16.67	0.63	10.50	4	1	5	21.83	- 57

Section II.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Hospitals

The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment in the District are as follows:-

King Edward VII Sanatorium, Easebourne
Chichester Isolation Hospital
St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester
Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester
Midhurst Cottage Hospital
Petworth Cottage Hospital
Haslemere Hospital
Petersfield Hospital
Horsham General Hospital
Worthing Hospital
Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea
Sussex Maternity & Women's Hospital, Brighton
Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington
Aldingbourne Chest Hospital.

Except for the King Edward VII Sanatorium all the above are administered by the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

Laboratory Service

Examinations carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory, Portsmouth, during 1960, were as follows:-

<u>Nature of Specimen</u>	<u>Number Examined</u>
(a) Ice Cream	13
(b) Milk (Pathological)	131
(c) Milk (Biological) ..	8
(d) Water	<u>198</u>
TOTAL:	350

Ambulances

The Local Health Authorities (the West Sussex County Council and the Surrey County Council) provide an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Midhurst, Petworth and Haslemere. The Hampshire Ambulance Service provides assistance in the Harting area.

The same Authorities are also responsible for the Hospital Car Service.

Home Nursing and Midwifery

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses, are employed by the West Sussex County Council to serve in the Rural District.

General Provision of Health Services (Contd.)

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Ante-Natal Clinics	-	held at Petworth
Infant Welfare Centres	-	held at Camelsdale, Midhurst and Petworth.
Infant Weighing Centres	-	held at Farnham, Graffham, Harting, Heyshott, Northchapel, Rogate and Stedham.
School Clinic (Minor Ailments))	-	held at Chichester
Orthopaedic Clinic)		
Speech Therapy Clinic	-	held at Chichester and Midhurst
Eye Clinic	-	held at Chichester
Chest Clinic	-	held at Aldingbourne Chest Hospital.
Venereal Diseases Clinics	-	held at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth; The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford; and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

Nursing Homes

Five Nursing Homes in the District are registered by the West Sussex County Council under Section 187 of the Public Health Act, 1936, providing a total accommodation for 148 patients, mostly for aged chronic cases.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

Section 47.

No action was necessary.

Section 50.

Two burials were carried out during the year.

Section III.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The Midhurst Rural District Council and the Wey Valley Water Company provide mains water to all Parishes in the District, 4,785 properties having a supply within the dwellings with very few exceptions.

Private Estate water is also piped to 884 houses.

Details of the supplies in each of the Parishes as at 31st December, 1960, are given in the table at the end of this Section.

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL WATER UNDERTAKINGS

Rotherfield Bore Supply, Easebourne - to the Parishes of Bepton, Cocking, Easebourne, Heyshott, Midhurst, Stedham, West Lavington and Woolbeding.

The number of houses supplied from this source is 1,322.

Slade Lane Bore Supply, Rogate - to the Parishes of Chithurst, Elsted, Harting, Iping, Linch, Rogate, Stedham, Treyford, Trotton and Woolbeding.

By arrangement with the owner of the private estate Stedham Water Co., this supply to the village of Stedham was discontinued and water taken to the houses from the Council's Rogate Supply.

During the year 1½" and 2" asbestos water main extensions from the Rogate Supply at Milland were taken to Queens Corner and Titty Hill to supply 9 houses.

A total of 1,225 houses are supplied by this scheme.

Lodsworth Bore Supply, Lodsworth - to the Parishes of Easebourne, East Lavington, Graffham, Lodsworth, Lurgashall, North Ambersham, South Ambersham and Tillington.

During the year some 4,000 yards of 6" class "C" spun iron water main was laid from Wiblings Farm at Graffham to Bex Mill at Heyshott, thus inter-connecting the Lodsworth and Rotherfield supplies. This has increased the pressure of water in the village of Cocking where pressure has been insufficient in the past.

This source supplies 635 houses.

Spring Supply, Henley - to the Parishes of Easebourne and Fernhurst.

Repeated bacteriological analyses have shown contamination of the raw water from this source. It has been abandoned and

Spring Supply, Henley (contd.)

boosters at Knightsfield now carry water to Henley from the Council's Rotherfield supply for the 31 houses previously supplied by the Henley spring.

WEY VALLEY WATER COMPANY

Water is supplied to the Parishes of Fernhurst, Harting, Iping, Linchmere, Lurgashall, North Ambersham, Rogate and Trotton.

The total number of houses supplied is 1,532.

Water Analyses

A total of 198 samples of water were taken and submitted for examination and the following table gives details of the results obtained:-

Source	No. of Samples Taken	Examination			
		Bacteriological		Chemical	
		S	U	S	U
Midhurst R.D.C. Mains	74	57	15	2	-
Wey Valley Water Company Mains	28	26	2	-	-
Private Estate Supplies	86	69	17	-	-
Individual Private Supplies	10	8	2	-	-
TOTALS:	198	160	36	2	-

Note: S = Satisfactory U = Unsatisfactory

Drainage and Sewerage

Harting

Public conveniences were provided at The White Hart, South Harting, by arrangement with the Brewers.

Linchmere - Drainage

The sewer was extended at Hammer in the Moor Road vicinity in order that four houses could be drained thereto.

There was also a sewer extension up Penwith Drive, Shottermill, to drain a new house and two other dwellings in the vicinity.

Habin and Nyewood Drainage Scheme

Work on this scheme was substantially completed at the end of the year. At the time of writing this report the owners of all houses on the lines of the sewers were asked to drain their houses thereto.

Drainage and Sewerage (contd.)

Stedham Sewerage Scheme

Plans and proposals for providing main drainage to Stedham were undertaken during the year and after approval by the County Council and the Minister it is probable the work will go out for tender during the coming year.

State of Household Sanitation in the District:

Houses with water closets drained to sewers	-	2,936 (50.8%)
Houses with water closets drained to septic tanks and cesspools	-	2,140 (36.9%)
Houses with earth, pail or chemical closets	-	711 (12.3%)
Total dwellings:		5,787

Houses drained to the Council's Sewers:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Drainage Scheme</u>	<u>Houses Drained to sewer</u>	<u>Number of Houses in Parish</u>
Chithurst	Chorley Common	4)	80
	Cartersland Corner	12)	
Cocking	Cocking	96	161
Heyshott	Cocking	1)	120
	Austens & Bakersfield	17)	
Elsted	Hill View	14	65
Graffham	Woodcote	10)	192
	Guillods	22)	
Harting	Harting	226)	451
	Furze Meadow	12)	
Easebourne	Midhurst, Easebourne and West Lavington	466	566
Midhurst	-ditto-	669	677
West Lavington	-ditto-	80	159
Woolbeding	-ditto-	2)	70
	Claypit	4)	
Fernhurst	Fernhurst Village	328)	
	Northern Fernhurst and Linchmere	)	782
		219)	
Linchmere	-ditto-	385	506
North Ambersham	-ditto-	16	64
Lodsworth	Berryfield	2)	
	Barnfield	6)	199
	Beechfield	6)	
Lurgashall	Lurgashall	19	184
Rogate	Knowles Meadow	18)	
	Rogate Village	138)	497
Trotton	Mill Lane	30	172
Stedham	Great House Farm	31	202
Tillington	Tillington	129	232
	TOTALS:	<u>2,962</u>	<u>5,379</u>

Public Cleansing

Refuse Collection

The refuse collection service provided by the Council is as follows:-

ONCE WEEKLY : Midhurst; Easebourne (Lutener Road, Easebourne Street - Post Office to School only, and Dodsley); West Lavington (Chichester Road - South Pond to Station only).

FORTNIGHTLY : Bepton; Chithurst; Cocking; Easebourne (except Lutener Road, Easebourne Street - Post Office to School, and Dodsley); East Lavington; Elsted; Fernhurst; Graffham; Harting; Heyshott; Iping; Linch; Linchmere; Lodsworth; Lurgashall; North Ambersham; Rogate; South Ambersham; Stedham; Tillington; Treyford; Trotton; West Lavington (except Chichester Road - South Pond to Station); Woolbeding.

All refuse is deposited on the tip at Holmbush.

Cesspool Emptying Service

This work is carried out by the Council's own vehicle and where required four free emptyings a year are given.

Shops Act, 1950

Forty-eight visits were made to shops and offices.

Factories Act, 1937

There are 68 establishments situated in the district coming within the scope of the Factories Act, 1937, of which 46 are provided with mechanical power.

During the year 29 inspections of factory premises were made.

Arising out of these inspections, the following defects were found and remedied:-

<u>Nature of Defect</u>	<u>Number Found and Remedied</u>
Want of cleanliness	3
Unsuitable or defective sanitary conveniences ..	2

Swimming Baths and Pools

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the area.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

This Act came into force on the 29th August, 1960, and licences were granted under the new Act in respect of six sites. The sites were generally for individual caravans with the exception of two where the maximum number of caravans stationable were 150 and 10 respectively, during the summer months.

Eradication of Bed Bugs

No action was necessary in this respect.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

During the year 1,191 infestations were dealt with and some 8,045 rats were destroyed.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

There are no premises in the district at which rag flock is used or sold.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

There are no premises in the district licensed under this Act.

Schools

All schools in the district now have waterborne sanitation, the last remaining school where this work had not been done having been provided with water closets during the year.

Twenty-one visits were made to school premises.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Visits made:

Housing - first visits	..	..	..	..	913
Housing - re-visits	..	..	..	..	1,067
Housing applications	..	..	..	..	193
Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	123
Drainage and sanitary conveniences			..	..	851
Water Supplies	..	..	..	..	290
Privies, ditches and cesspools			..	..	279
Refuse and accumulations		..	..	..	55
Verminous premises	..	..	..	..	31
Rats and Mice destruction		..	..	..	7,789
Schools	..	..	..	..	21
			Total c/fwd.		11,612

Sanitary Inspection of the Area (contd.)

	Total	b/fwd.		11,612
Moveable Dwellings	92
Factories Act	29
Infectious diseases	6
Shops Act	48
Slaughterhouses, Butchers Shops and Other Food Premises			..	464
Dairies and Milk Distributors	115
Miscellaneous	54
			Total Visits	.. 12,420
Complaints received	58
Informal Notices served	378
Informal Notices complied with	352
Statutory Notices served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936			..	3
Statutory Notices complied with	4

Summary of Sanitary Work and Improvements
under Public Health and Housing Acts.

Baths provided	103
Ceilings repaired or renewed	45
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed	40
Cooking ranges repaired or renewed	49
Damp walls remedied	36
Doors repaired or renewed	21
Drainage systems cleared or repaired	81
Drainage systems provided	92
Firegrates repaired or renewed	39
Food Stores provided or repaired	42
Foul accumulations removed	12
Floors repaired or renewed	47
Fuel Stores provided or repaired	20
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	40
Hot and cold water systems provided	106
Houses cleansed and redecorated	47
Plaster repaired or renewed	55
Refuse bins provided	13
Roofs repaired or renewed	60
Sinks provided	48
Stairs repaired or renewed	18
Verminous premises disinfected	26
Water supplies laid on into dwellings	10
Water closets provided or repaired	124
Windows enlarged, provided or repaired	43
Walls repaired	32
Wash-hand basins provided	105
Yard paving provided or repaired	16

Midhurst Rural District - Water Supplies, 1960

Parish	Area (Acres)	Estim- ated Popul- ation	No. of houses in Parish	Houses with piped water from		Houses with Wells, Springs or Rainwater Tanks
				Public Mains	Private Estates	
Bepton	1910	270	101	51	49	1
Chithurst	1200	230	80	64	11	5
Cocking	2596	480	161	83	77	1
Easebourne	4214	1720	566	368	198	-
East Lavington	1977	350	83	27	55	1
Elsted	1840	190	65	60	3	2
Fernhurst	4950	2250	782	740	33	9
Graffham	2137	500	192	86	103	3
Harting	7946	1290	451	388	48	15
Heyshott	2184	330	120	6	112	2
Iping	2235	370	131	117	12	2
Linch	850	60	24	10	11	3
Linchmere	2066	1490	506	494	9	3
Lodsworth	2441	550	199	189	5	5
Lurgashall	4815	510	184	119	41	24
Midhurst	669	2070	677	677	-	-
North Ambersham	1168	310	64	45	17	2
Rogate	5692	1590	497	478	9	10
South Ambersham	1502	100	32	11	18	3
Stedham	2493	630	202	163	36	3
Tillington	3816	610	232	221	4	7
Treyford	2098	100	37	30	2	5
Trotton	3707	470	172	150	17	5
West Lavington	678	470	159	156	3	-
Woolbeding	1851	210	70	52	11	7
TOTALS	67035	17150	5787	4785	884	118
Percentage of Total Dwellings				82%	16%	2%
					98%	

Estimated population deriving water from:

(a) Public Mains	..	..	..	..	14,180
(b) Private Estate Mains	..	..	..	..	2,620
(c) Other Sources	..	..	..	..	350

Section IV

HOUSING

At the close of 1960, the Council's list of housing applicants showed 349 outstanding cases as compared with 306 in 1959.

New houses completed during the year totalled 70 (50 private, 20 Council).

Housing Act, 1957.

Action was taken under Section 16 of this Act which resulted in 3 Undertakings being accepted, and 5 Closing Orders and 12 Demolition Orders being made.

Eight houses were demolished during the year.

Improvement Grants

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Discretionary Grants

Under the "Discretionary" Grant Scheme grant can be obtained up to one-half of the cost of carrying out the improvements subject to a maximum of £400, the dwelling on completion of the works being brought up to a definite standard laid down. As its name implies, the giving of grant under this scheme is entirely at the discretion of the Council, but in the case of a refusal the Council must give its reasons.

During the year applications were received for the improvement of 67 dwellings. Of these, 63 were approved, 3 were under consideration and 1 was refused.

The number of houses reconditioned during 1960 with the aid of this grant was 53. Since the act came into force the number of houses completed is 322.

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants

Under the "Standard" Grant Scheme it is compulsory for the Council to give grants not exceeding one-half of the cost and up to a maximum of £155 for the provision of bath, water closet, washhand basin, hot and cold water system and larder, the maximum to be reduced by £25 if there is a bath in existence, by £40 if there is a water closet, by £5 if there is a wash-hand basin, by £75 if there is a hot and cold water system, and by £10 if there is a larder, subject to the dwelling in question being fit after the above amenities have been provided.

During the year applications were received in respect of 17 dwellings, and improvements have been carried out with the aid of this grant at 7 dwellings. Since the Act came into force the total number of houses completed is 9.

Rent Act, 1957

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received during the year and an Undertaking was given by the landlord to carry out the necessary repairs within six months.

Houses Erected by Private Enterprise.

The 50 houses built privately during 1960 are situated in the following parishes:-

Easebourne	5	Lodsworth	1
Fernhurst	1	Midhurst	31
Graffham	3	North Ambersham	1
Iping	1	Rogate	2
Linchmere	3	Stedham	2

Requisitioned Premises

There were no properties under requisition during 1960.

Housing Statistics

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	913
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	1,980
(2) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects fit for habitation	317

2. Remedyng of Defects without Service of Formal Notice

Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority	285
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3. Action under Statutory Powers

(a) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:	
(a) By owners	4
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	Nil

Action under Statutory Powers (contd.)

(b) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:

(1) Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	12
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	8
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Undertakings have been given that they will not be used for human habitation until made fit	3
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	5

4. Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Overcrowding

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	Nil
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	Nil
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding during 1960	1
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1960	6
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	43
(d) Particulars of any such case in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps to abate the overcrowding	Nil

Houses Erected by the Local Authority

Parish and Address	Pre-War	1947 1959	1960	Former Hsg.Soc.	Grand Total
CHITHURST - Chorley Common Cottages	4	-	-	-	
COCKING - Cartersland Corner	-	12	-	-	16
EASEBOURNE - Malthouse Cottages	8	-	-	-	
	-	43	-	-	51
EASEBOURNE - The Croft	-				
EASEBOURNE - Canada Cottages	12	-	-	-	
	-	34	-	-	
EASEBOURNE - Cowdray Road	-	20	-	-	
	-	32	-	-	
EASEBOURNE - Fox Road	-	12	-	6	116
	-				
TOTALS c/fwd.	24	153	-	6	183

Parish and Address		Pre-War	1947 1959	1960	Former Hsg.Soc.	Grand Total
	TOTAL b/fwd.	24	153	-	6	183
ELSTED	- Hill View Cottages	4	8	-	-	12
FERNHURST	- Dale Copse Cottages	6	-	-	-	
	Old Glebe Cottages	-	40	-	-	
	Nappers Wood	-	110	-	-	156
GRAFFHAM	- Woodcote Cottages	5	2	-	-	
	Guillod Cottages	-	22	-	-	29
HARTING	- Loppers Ash Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Knightsfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Wellfield Cottages	8	-	-	-	
	Culvers, South Harting	-	62	-	-	
	Furze Meadow, Nyewood	-	12	-	-	90
HEYSHOTT	- Austens Cottages	4	4	-	-	
	Leggatts Cottages	-	4	-	-	
	Bakersfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	16
IPING	- Crossways Cottages	4	-	-	-	
LINCHMERE	- The Spinney (Moor Copse)	-	6	-	-	
	Hammer Hill Cottages	-	82	-	-	88
LODSWORTH	- Berryfield Cottages	2	-	-	-	
	Barnfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Beechfield Cottages	-	6	-	-	12
LURGASHALL	- Greengate Cottages	4	4	-	-	
MIDHURST	- Barnplat Cottages	12	-	-	-	
	June Meadow	-	12	-	-	
	Nine Acres	-	22	-	-	
	June Rise	-	-	-	8	54
ROGATE	- Paddock Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Parsonage Cottages	-	36	-	-	
	Knowles Meadow	-	18	-	-	
	Terwick Rise	-	18	-	-	76
STEDHAM	- Common View Cottages	-	10	-	-	
TILLINGTON	- Willetts Field Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	The Harrows	-	8	20	-	32
TROTTON	- Mill Lane Cottages	12	18	-	-	
WEST LAVINGTON	Taylors Field Cottages	-	48	-	-	
	Taylors Rise	-	-	-	8	56
WOOLBEDING	- Claypit Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	TOTALS:	113	705	20	22	860

Houses purchased by the Local Authority:

1 Austens Cottages, Heyshott (formerly C.278 Heyshott)	1
Foundry Cottages, Heyshott	8
1, 2 and 3 Gibbs Cottages, Camelsdale	3
St. Richard's Flats, June Lane, Midhurst	8
2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Railway Terrace, Midhurst	5
TOTAL:	885

Section V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Number of:

Inspections of dairies and milk premises	115
Producer Distributors with farms in the District	7
Retail dairies (not producing milk) in the District	3
Milk distributors with dairies outside the District	9

Dealer's Licences granted authorising the use of the Special Designations:

(a) Tuberculin Tested	13
(b) Pasteurised Milk	13
(c) Sterilised Milk	4

During the year pasteurisation at Fernhurst Dairies Ltd., Fernhurst, was given up, the whole of the milk formerly supplied by this Dairy now being obtained already bottled from Farnham Dairies.

Ninety-one samples of milk taken from distributors during the year were submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test, and of these, 87 were reported upon as satisfactory.

Forty samples of Pasteurised Milk were taken and submitted to the Phosphatase Test, and all of these were satisfactory.

Eight samples of milk taken from farms whose milk is retailed in the district were submitted for biological examination and reported free from Tubercle Bacilli.

Meat and Other Foods

Most of the meat consumed in the district is slaughtered elsewhere, supplies being delivered mainly from Chichester, Petersfield, Haslemere and London.

Slaughterhouse Act, 1958.

The Slaughterhouses Reports (Appointed Day) Order, 1959.

The Slaughterhouses (Reports) Direction, 1959.

As required under this legislation, the Council submitted a report to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, after consultation with the interests concerned, stating that there was no demand for slaughtering facilities in the district

Meat and Other Foods (contd.)

because its needs were adequately met from outside. This report was subsequently approved by the Minister. In connection with the foregoing, however, application was received at the very last moment from the occupier of the small slaughterhouse in West Street, Midhurst, for renewal of his licence. The Council, however, decided that it would be better if the slaughterhouse were closed by an Order under Section 126 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947. Steps to this end are now being taken.

The following is a summary of butchers' shops etc., in the district, together with details of inspections of these premises carried out during the year:-

Number of:

Butchers' Shops	8
Premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the preparation and manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale for human consumption	9
Visits made to the above premises	304
Premises registered for sale of ice cream	64
Visits made to ice cream premises	49

There are no manufacturers of Ice Cream in the district.

Thirteen samples of Ice Cream were taken from dealers and submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test. All were satisfactory - Grade I.

Bakehouses

There are 5 bakehouses in use in the district and during the year 10 inspections were made.

Other Food Premises

Details of other food premises in the district, together with inspections made during the year, are set out herewith:-

Cafes, Restaurants, Private Hotels and Guest Houses	19
Visits made to such premises ..	26
Grocers and General Stores	46
Fishmongers and Poultry Shops ..	3

Other Food Premises (contd.)

Greengrocery Shops	6
Sweet Shops	6
Visits to such premises	100

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960

All food premises in the district are inspected from time to time and every opportunity is taken to impress on all concerned the need for cleanliness of persons, premises and utensils.

Sixteen informal notices were served during the year and most of these were complied with.

Meat and Other Foods condemned at Food Shops.

	LBS
Chickens	<u>48$\frac{3}{4}$</u>
Beef	<u>169$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Lamb	<u>173</u>
Pork	<u>16$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Mutton	<u>29$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Liver	<u>34</u>
Lights and Melt	<u>10</u>
Kidney	<u>3</u>
Hearts	<u>30$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Rabbit	<u>15</u>
Bacon	<u>18</u>
Bath Chaps	<u>2$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Dripping	<u>20</u>
Lard	<u>5$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Corned Beef	<u>10</u>
Peaches (6 tins)	<u>10$\frac{5}{4}$</u>
Fruit Cocktail (1 tin)	<u>1$\frac{5}{4}$</u>

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954

Six slaughtermen are licensed under the provisions of this Act.

Section VI

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

There was a very low incidence of infectious disease during 1960.

The majority of parents now recognise the wisdom of accepting for their babies the full programme of protective inoculations against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Smallpox during the first two years of life. The list is a formidable one but there can be very little doubt as to the effectiveness of the protection given. Parents who fail to make use of the facilities available are exposing their children to serious and unnecessary risks.

Cancer

Deaths attributed to Cancer during the year numbered 44 (22 males, 22 females) - 38 deaths in 1959. The Cancer Death Rate is 2.56 per 1,000 of the estimated home population - 2.33 in 1959. Corresponding rates for England and Wales, the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts are 2.15, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.3 respectively.

Localisation of the Disease

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brain	..	..	..	2	1	3
Alimentary Tract and Digestive System:						
Larynx	..	..	..	-	-	-
Oesophagus	..	..	..	-	-	-
Stomach	..	..	..	2	2	4
Colon	..	..	..	1	1	2
Jejunum	..	..	..	1	-	1
Rectum	..	..	..	-	2	2
Liver	..	..	..	-	1	1
Pancreas	..	..	..	1	2	3
Respiratory System:						
Lung, Bronchus	..	..	..	9	3	12
Urinary Organs:						
Bladder	..	..	..	1	1	2
Kidney	..	..	..	-	-	-
Male Genital Organs:						
Prostate	..	..	..	1	-	1
Female Genital Organs:						
Ovary	..	..	..	-	-	-
Uterus	..	..	..	-	2	2
Vulva	..	..	..	-	1	1
Breast	..	..	..	-	5	5
Leukaemia	..	..	..	2	-	2
Other Sites	..	..	..	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
			TOTALS:	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>44</u>

Diphtheria

(a) Notifications. No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1960, nor were any deaths registered as due to this cause.

(b) Immunisation. During 1960, 11 children of school age and 227 children under 5 years of age received a complete course of injections. In addition, 98 children received 'follow-up' injections.

Measles

Only 5 notifications of Measles were received during 1960 (122 in 1959).

Pneumonia

No cases of Pneumonia were notified (11 in 1959).

Notifications of this disease bear little relationship to its incidence however. There were 18 deaths registered as due to Pneumonia.

Tuberculosis

The following table shows the number of cases on the register.

Notification Register of Tubercular Patients - 1960

	Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pulmonary Cases			Total Cases (All Forms)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register at 1st January, 1960	34	34	68	5	3	8	39	37	76
Cases restored to Register in 1960	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Notifications received in 1960	4	4	8	-	2	2	4	6	10
Cases moved into area as transfers	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	2
TOTALS	40	38	78	5	5	10	45	43	88
Cases removed from Register in 1960	5	1	6	-	1	1	5	2	7
Number on Register at 31st December 1960	35	37	72	5	4	9	40	41	81

Twelve cases were added to the register (10 primary notifications and 2 cases moving into the district as transfers from other areas). In 1959, 8 pulmonary cases were added to the register.

Tuberculosis (contd.)

Seven cases were removed from the register and two deaths were recorded as due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The death rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the year is 0.11 per 1,000 of the home population (0.17 in 1959). The death rate for the Administrative County is 0.07.

The following table shows the number of cases added to the Register annually for the last ten years, together with details of the total cases on the Register during this period:-

Year	Cases added to the Register			Total Cases on Register at 31st December		
	Total	Pulmon-ary.	Non-Pul-mony	Total	Pulmon-ary.	Non-Pul-mony
1951	15	13	2	61	46	15
1952	20	15	5	74	57	17
1953	11	10	1	71	53	18
1954	8	7	1	58	46	12
1955	15	14	1	68	56	12
1956	6	6	-	66	56	10
1957	4	4	-	62	54	8
1958	12	12	-	71	63	8
1959	8	8	-	76	68	8
1960	12	10	2	81	72	9

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Table showing Cases of Infectious Disease Notified during the Year 1960

Disease	Cases Notified			Total Deaths	Age Distribution of Notified Cases										
	M	F	Total		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-	75-
Measles	1	4	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis - Resp.	4	4	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	-	-
Non - Resp.	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	6	8	14	-	-	1	1	1	1	7	2	1	-	-	-
TOTALS:	14	18	32	2	-	1	2	1	1	13	3	2	5	4	-

No notifications were received of the undermentioned diseases:-

Cholera	Food Poisoning
Diphtheria	Malaria
Dysentery	Plague
Encephalitis	Membranous Croup
Enteric Fevers	Meningococcal Infection
Erysipelas	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
	Typhus Fever

Infectious Disease Notifications 1951 - 1960

Disease	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Dysentery	-	3	-	1	-	3	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fevers (Typhoid Paratyphoid)	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	2	-	1	-	5	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	123	10	306	1	113	366	40	42
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic Non-Paralytic)	6	6	13	8	19	5	10	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	5	4	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	2	-	1	2	-	-
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary Non-Pulmonary)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Whooping Cough	4	10	6	3	1	2	3	4
	13	9	6	4	4	1	1	2	6	4
	2	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
	61	13	76	14	16	32	14	3	-	14